

WHITMAN ON TRAIL OF MORE ILLEGAL POLICE "PRESENTS"

Will Present New Evidence to Grand Jury of Collection of Stolen Auto Fees.

MURPHY ON LAHEY'S JOB

Indicted Chief Inspector Says Action in His Case Is "Malicious."

Special Assistant District Attorney Charles S. Whitman is today collating a mass of new evidence, collected in his investigation of charges of corruption in the city administration, concerning several members of the Police and Fire Departments which he will present to the Grand Jury on Tuesday. There will be additional disclosures before that body concerning the illegal receipt of rewards by members of the police force for the recovery of stolen automobiles.

Now that Chief Inspector William J. Lahey has been suspended, following his indictment late yesterday afternoon on charges of "taking unlawful fees," Borough Inspector Thomas H. Murphy of Brooklyn is at the head of the uniformed force of the department.

Three members of the Automobile Squad of the department were also indicted in connection with alleged graft in rewards for stolen automobiles, and the Grand Jury found bills against two alleged auto thieves not members of the department. The members of the Auto Squad indicated are Detective Sergeants George J. Andrews, William B. O'Connor and George Scott. The two alleged thieves are Oscar Sperling and Thomas O'Brien, alias Frank Moran.

Lahey, who surrendered himself with O'Connor last night and furnished bail in \$2,500, did not appear with the others for pleading to-day. It was announced he had permission to appear Monday. The others pleaded guilty, and their bail fixed at \$2,500.

Inspector Lahey, who is said to have more influence in the department than Commissioner Enright, to have powerful political connections, and the special confidence of Mayor Hylan, is not accused of taking graft. The transaction mentioned in the indictment involves \$50 paid as a gratuity to Andrews for recovering a stolen automobile.

Lahey is accused of accepting the money for Andrews and turning it over to the latter without getting the permission of the Commissioner for Andrews to accept it, or seeing that the required 10 per cent. went into the Police Pension Fund. Lahey was Second Deputy Police Commissioner at the time.

Lahey, in a statement issued from his office at headquarters, denounced the charges against him as "malicious, vengeful and wholly groundless." He said that he would demand an immediate trial and judicial exonerations. He explained his action as "the signing of a matter of courtesy, of a set form acknowledging the receipt of a small check given to a member of the Detective Division as a gratuity for meritorious service."

STARTED SHIPS 54 YEARS.

General Supt. Wright of U. S. M. to Take a Vacation.

Edward P. Wright, General Marine Superintendent of the International Marine Company, will "tail his last ship" when he starts the liner Celtic on her way to Liverpool to-morrow. On Monday he will retire after fifty-four years of service, which started with the old Indian Line, which became the American Line, back in 1867. During that time he has "tailed" hundreds of ocean liners, by giving the official word to take in the gangplank and cast off ladders.

CALIFORNIA WITHIN RIGHTS.

Uchida Admits Japan Can't Invalidate Her Legislation.

TOKIO, Feb. 25 (Associated Press).—Japan can do nothing to invalidate anti-Japanese legislation in California, declared Viscount Uchida, Foreign Minister, in the Diet here yesterday.

NORMALCY IN AUTUMN.

Railway Head Says Worst of Post Business Is Passed.

CHICAGO, Feb. 25.—Normal business conditions will prevail throughout the United States by next fall, F. A. Harrison, President of the Southern Railway Company, declared in an address here yesterday.

ARMENIAN REFUGEE GOT \$15 A WEEK AS STAR OF FILM PLAY

Girl Says Guardian Saved Only \$195 of \$7,000 Paid for Production.

Miss Arshalouche Mardigian, No. 14 West 107th Street, the nineteen-year-old Armenian refugee who "starred" in a sensational film dealing with outrages in Armenia and who travelled with this picture throughout the country, received for her services a salary of \$15 a week. For the picture production she received \$7,000, but her guardian, Mrs. Eleanor Brown Gates, No. 109 West 45th Street, was able to save for her only \$195.

These facts were brought out by Arthur K. Wing, counsel for the Armenian girl, at the continuation of the hearing upon the objections filed to the accounting of Mrs. Gates as guardian of the girl, before Surrogate James A. Foley to-day. Henry L. Gates, the husband of the guardian, a newspaper writer, was the witness examined.

Gates said he met the girl after her arrival in this country and he and his wife took an interest in her and wanted to make fame and fortune for her. His wife became the girl's guardian and a contract was made with the First National Exhibitors Association to exploit the girl in the "movies."

Mr. Gates testified that Miss Mardigian was surrounded by every luxury during the four weeks in which the picture was making, having a chauffeur, a nurse, a housemaid and a messenger, while he and his wife danced attendance upon her.

"Out of the \$7,000 she received, as your wife's report states," Attorney Wing asked, "for the picture, all she saved for the girl was \$195?"

The witness admitted this, but added neither he nor his wife received any benefit; that, to the contrary, the exploitation of the girl cost him about \$6,000 of his own money.

The thrilling story of the girl's remarkable adventures in "Tavish Armenia," Mr. Gates testified, was purchased from her for \$50 and turned into book form, was sold to a Dr. Levy of the International Copyright Bureau for \$100. These books were sold at the theatre where the picture was produced at 50 cents a copy. The books were sold by Miss Mardigian among her audiences after her ten minute lecture and she received 5 cents on each book so sold.

Mr. Gates admitted the First National Exhibitors Association had seven different women posing as "Armenia Mardigian," screen name of the Armenian girl, delivering the ten minute lectures, in order to keep its contracts to produce "Miss Mardigian" with the pictures in different cities at the same time.

Mr. Gates testified the expenses of the girl on the road were about \$650 a week. Surrogate Foley adjourned the hearing until next Thursday.

PAPER MAKERS SEEK RAISE.

Men in Mills Also Said to Recommend "Unemployment Insurance."

Demand for an increase in wages was discussed at a meeting in this city yesterday of representatives of unions of workers in paper mills in the United States and Canada. Several manufacturers attended by invitation.

Officially it was said the meeting was in accordance with contracts between manufacturers and unions requiring notice of proposed alterations sixty days before expiration of the agreements.

FIRE ON BOAT AT PIER.

Shipping Board Vessel Antigonie Unloaded at Staten Island.

Fire of unknown origin broke out in the forward hatch of the 7,500-ton steel steamship Antigonie at the foot of Crispin Street, Roseland, S. I., early today. The fireboat New Yorker was summoned from Manhattan to help the crew and local firemen extinguish the flames, which were confined to the hatch.

BEGS FOR PRISON, NOT WORKHOUSE, AS HIS SENTENCE

Alleged Former Soldier, Convicted of Attempted Robbery Vainly Pleads for Sing Sing.

DONALD McFAYDEN, No. 268 Eighth Avenue, who says he is a former soldier, was in the Jefferson Market Court today accused of trying to snatch the purse of Georgiana Wolff, No. 37 Lowell Street, Waterbury, Conn.

'Glad American Won Her,' Says George Cohan of His Daughter Who Eloped



Georgette Slips Away in the Night and Weds J. W. Souther, a New Yorker.

(Special to The Evening World.) MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 25.—Two weeks' acquaintance was sufficient to convince Miss Georgette Cohan, who is twenty-one and the daughter of George M. Cohan of New York, that J. William Souther, son of a wealthy New York paper manufacturer, was the only man in the world for her, consequently they were married by a Justice of the Peace at Lakewood, twenty miles south of Palm Beach, at 5:30 o'clock last night.

This was just fifteen minutes before they were expected at a yacht party at Palm Beach where their engagement was to have been announced. They attended the party, but announced their marriage instead.

The witnesses at the ceremony were James W. Daly Jr., Senator from California, and G. T. Sulzberger of Chicago.

"I don't know the man, but I'm glad an American won," was the first comment George M. Cohan, the bride's father, would make on the elopement.

George H. Souther Jr., twin brother of the bride's husband, was found in his office at No. 325 Broadway to-day, still excited by the news.

"And believe me, it was news," he said. "I didn't know a thing about it until I read it in the paper. All I knew was that Bill, who usually wrote to me once a week, had now sent a line in three weeks. Now I know why."

The twin brothers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Souther sr., who live at the Ten Eyck Hotel in Albany. The elder Souther formerly lived in Brooklyn and owned the American Paperette Company and the Eastern Tablet Company, which he recently sold.

In December J. William Souther went with his parents to Pinehurst, N. C., then to Augusta, Ga., and afterward to Palm Beach. He was in New York for a short time in January, then returned to Palm Beach.

Early in 1917 he was serving in the French Ambulance Corps. He returned to America and attended schools of aviation at Camp Dick, Dallas, Tex., and at Cornell.

The former Georgette Cohan is twenty years old and appeared in several dramatic productions in London, including "Peter Pan." She appeared at the Palace Theatre here with her mother soon after they arrived from Europe. The bride's father announced more than a year ago that he intended to write a play for her, and when she and her mother arrived from Europe many believed that his plan would have early result. Mrs. Souther and her mother went to Palm Beach about a month ago.

2 COAL CONCERNS ARE INDICATED FOR BOOSTING PRICES

Flying Squadron, Sent Here by Government to Stop Profiteering, Gets Evidence.

The Colonial Colliery Company of Natalie, Pa., and Madeira, Hill & Co., also a Pennsylvania corporation with New York offices at No. 143 Liberty Street, were indicted to-day by the Federal Grand Jury charged with profiteering in violation of the Lever Act. Robert C. Hill and Percy C. Madeira, both of whom are officers in both companies, also were indicted.

The indictment charges that in October and November last the companies sold coal to Rubel Brothers of East New York at \$13 and \$13.25 a ton, when a fair price would have been \$7.90 a ton; that in November they sold coal to Sinarum Brothers, Fifth Street and the East River, at \$16.51 a ton, when a fair price would have been \$10.41; and that in November they sold coal to the Webster, Bunke, Lange Company, No. 263 West 96th Street, at \$16.11 and \$16.61, when a fair price in the first case would have been \$10.51, and in the second, \$7.91.

When Will These Prices COME DOWN?

Retail Druggists Not the Only Profiteers in Sale of Simples That Make Up Household Remedies—Wholesalers Get Their Share.

The Evening World, in following up its investigation of the prices charged consumers at retail drug stores has revealed many instances of startling profit. Several hundred per cent. profit is not uncommon for retail druggists to make on common, everyday household remedies. The exposure yesterday showed that the wholesale druggist made only a fair profit, while the retailers' charges were astonishingly exorbitant. To-day, however, the prices will tend to prove that the wholesaler also treated himself royally when his charges to the retailers were being determined.

The parent who desires to administer the old-fashioned spring remedy to his offspring buys his sulphur from the druggist at 25 cents a pound. The retailer buys it for 7 cents, and the wholesaler gets it from the producer for 2 cents a pound. Not bad, eh?

Denatured alcohol costs the retailer \$1.40 a gallon. He dispenses it in pint parcels at 30 cents per pint. It costs him 17½ cents a pint.

Benzene of soda costs the retailer 13 cents an ounce and he charges the customer 20 cents.

The wholesaler charged 68 cents a pound.

Hay runs costs the retailer \$4.20 a gallon. The retailer sells it at \$8 cents for an 8-ounce bottle.

There are 160 fluid ounces in a gallon, which, if sold at the retailer's price, will net him \$13.44 on his original investment for a gallon. Turn is expensive—even to wet the hair!

Boric acid costs the wholesale druggist 14½ cents a pound. He sells it to the retailer for 22 cents. The consumer pays 45 cents. Alum costs the wholesale druggist 5 cents a pound. He passes it along at 18 cents to the retailer, and the customer pays 25 cents for a pound of the stuff to camouflage razor cuts.

Zinc oxide costs the wholesaler 16 cents a pound. The retailer pays him 22 cents for it, and dispenses it at 10 cents an ounce. This is \$1.20 a pound.

Sage costs the wholesale druggist 7 cents a pound. He sells it to the retailer for 40 cents a pound, who dispenses of it at 10 cents an ounce. There are twelve ounces in an apothecary's pound.

Saccharine, which is exactly 550 times sweeter than sugar, can be purchased from the producer for \$2.25 a pound. The retailer buys it from the wholesaler at \$4.30 a pound. At the rate at which the customer purchases saccharine—100 ½-grain tablets for 35 cents—the pound of saccharine would net the retail druggist more than \$40.

Legion to Hold HEARING TUESDAY

Committee in City Hall to Get Testimony of Ex-Service Men's Mistreatment.

The first of the public hearings before a committee of the American Legion, which was formed for the purpose of arousing the public to knowledge of the shameful treatment that has been accorded sick, wounded and disabled ex-service men will be held in the Board of Estimate room in the City Hall next Tuesday. The hour will be announced later.

The committee invites all ex-service men and all other persons with knowledge of actual conditions of former soldiers to attend the hearing. From what the committee has already learned the initial meeting will be an eye opener.

TESTIFIES FOR DAUGHTER.

Denies Evidence of Detectives in Hawkins's Suit for Divorce.

Mrs. Grant H. Pittblado, No. 252 East 19th Street, wife of a Brooklyn monument maker, gave testimony in the Brooklyn Supreme Court to-day tending to puncture evidence of detectives hired by her son-in-law, James Weir Hawkins, florist, who is suing for divorce.

The detectives alleged they found Mrs. Hawkins and George Stinson, a plumber, in a rooming house in the East 19th Street house during the night of March 20, 1920. Mrs. Pittblado swore she slept that night with her daughter, who was ill, and when the raid was made she arose to ascertain the cause of the invasion and was joined by Mr. Stinson in his pajamas. Mrs. Hawkins remained in bed under the name of Lillian Crosby.

The raiding party disappeared by the time he arrived, she said.

Estimate Board Votes Fund for New Motor Apparatus.

The Board of Estimate today appropriated \$500,000 for new motor fire apparatus. Manhattan Borough President Curran objected to the appropriation.

Many Projects Set Afoot To Aid Disabled Soldiers In Getting Service House

There Will Be a Fine Style Show and Mass Meetings and Clubs Will Be Organized, and All These Will Help to Swell the Fund.

By Lillian Bell.

Our Style Show is going to be such a success that many a homeless wounded soldier now walking the streets of this big, prosperous city will live to thank those patriotic persons who are buying tickets in blocks of thirty and fifty to the Revue de Fashion and thus aiding us with real money to found American Legion Service House, No. 1.

Lucile, Ltd. is going to be unlimited in its assistance and endorsement of the Evening World's Service House Fund by showing Every Night at the Revue de Fashion on the Hotel Pennsylvania Roof, from Feb. 26 to March 5.

I called in person to invite this famous couturiere to take the lead in our Style Show, and my invitation was accepted.

Lucile will send its best looking models and gowns and will specialize in Roselle silk gowns. As I don't

know what Roselle silk is, you may well believe that I shall be there in person every night to find out.

Who knows? If I am good, I may own a Roselle silk gown myself and give Fifth Avenue a treat by appearing in it!

Now, I have some more good news: Vice Commander William Webster of Ethan Allen Post, American Legion, called up to ask the name of the sender of the five-cent check I refused it, of course. I shall never tell any one. Webster said if she were a man she would be in the hospital by now.

Saturday evening, Feb. 25, the Semper Fidelis Post of Girl Marines is giving a dance at Chalfin's, and Commander Charles G. Blackeale, has promised to attend. As this is the first time any frivolous amusement has been able to capture the serious young State Commander, the girls are all "hot up" about it.

I love the names they call these girl marines! "Lady Leathernecks" and "Devil Dogs." I give you my word, I am a brave woman, and off I rush in where angels fear to tread, but I would never dare to call the girls by any such names. I am prudent. Also cautious. Which attitude of conduct, while it is said to curtail enjoyment, is more conducive to longevity than any other might be.

Miss Rooney of Irving National Bank, is organizing a club thru me to raise money for our fund. She went with me to Polytechnic Hospital, Tuesday, and saw for herself. She now knows the need of something for these boys to go when they are discharged from the hospital, and she is rooting for our fund.

THE PERIL OF NEGLECTING OUR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

Friends, a service house is not a spectacular thing for us to raise money for. The public must be aroused to the rightful condition of thousands of our boys walking almost barefooted through the slush, hailing icy winds and rains, which are scarier than head teeth.

If we don't take care of them, I tell you we are un-Americanizing the American Army. We, the people, have promised to stand by them, and lied about it, because we are not standing by them. I had a letter from one boy from the 37th Division, saying that he was going to turn his back on America and go to France where the people cared for their wounded and disabled ex-service men in ignorance of?

Do you realize that there is not a single National or State body of people organized for the express purpose of extending instantaneous aid to the wounded and starving ex-service men, with any financial backing worthy of the name?

Why am I, a private citizen, with no organization at my back, obliged to enlist the support of a great newspaper and tell you things you ought to know and that you have no business being in ignorance of?

Send in your pennies and your nickels and your dollars.

Such contributions as you may condescend to offer will be accepted by the cashier of THE EVENING WORLD for its Service House Fund.

As for me, Room 1125 is sick of boys in such suffering that I hate to go down there.

Take this or leave it. I don't care!

NECKWEAR MAN INDICTED.

Krieger, Who Was President of Company, Accused of Forgery.

Max Krieger of No. 674 West 161st Street, who was President of the Knickerbocker Neckwear Company, No. 320 Fifth Avenue, was indicted to-day for alleged third degree forgery. He was charged with falsifying the company's books to conceal the specific theft of \$72.

Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions held Krieger in \$10,000 bail at the request of Assistant District Attorney Sullivan, who said the prisoner's handwrote would amount to nearly \$50,000 and that he was responsible for the company being forced into bankruptcy. Ralph Jacobs, the defendant's lawyer, said the charge against his client grew out of a row among partners.

Krieger was sent to the Tombs in default of bail.

PREDICTED HOLD-UP AND IT CAME TRUE WHO'S THE JOKE ON?

Village Cut-Ups, Near Rockefeller's Place, Waylay Willets. But They Have to Pay.

Howard Willets, who works on the Percy A. Rockefeller place at Greenwich, Conn., has for some time been telling the world that he knew that some time he was going to be held up by highwaymen between the town and his home on Lake Avenue, near Mr. Rockefeller's home. And sure enough, last night he was held up.

Willets went to the taxi stand at a little after midnight to ride home, with his girl after a party. Carl Johnson, the taxi driver he hired, got a little time for consultation with chauffeurs John Martin and David Lennon before cranking his flier.

The other two drivers piled into car and went ahead. Willets took the girl to her door and then told Johnson to take him home.

In a lonely spot on Lake Avenue two men with their faces muffled in scarfs jumped into the road and held up the taxi. They searched the pockets of both Willets and Johnson.

—Willets assuring them all the time that he would empty his pockets for them himself if they would only give him time. Then they ran to a car beside the road, got in and made for Greenwich, Johnson running after them and Lake making for the home of L. H. Conger, who is in charge of the Rockefeller stables.

Mr. Conger got out of bed and, dressed and with a revolver in each pocket of his coat, drove into Greenwich with one of the Rockefeller cars. They found no traces of the bandits. They did learn that Johnson had been seen in close company with Martin and Lennon half an hour earlier and that all were enjoying a tremendous joke. Johnson was found in an owl-lunch wagon. He told queer stories about his return to town and the return of his car which he had apparently abandoned.

All three chauffeurs were arrested and arraigned before Judge James B. Meade to-day. They owned up they had held up Willets for a joke and asked him to search his supposedly rifled pockets. Willets found money and watch and had merely been moved from his waistcoat to his hip pockets. Judge Meade wanted to know something about the revolver which Willets said had been pocketed in his face. Martin sheepishly showed a pair of automobile pistols.

All three chauffeurs were fined \$10 each for breach of the peace and congratulated by the Court. Judge Meade did not overtake them on the way in town.

LILIAN BELL'S WORK FOR SERVICE HOUSE WINS INDORSEMENT

The American Legion Post, No. 3 of Mount Vernon had a meeting last night at the State Armory, Mount Vernon, in which Lillian Bell of The Evening World was the principal speaker.

She told of her work in connection with the ex-service men and her campaign to raise a fund for a Service House for the soldiers, and following her address Commander Robertson of the post endorsed her work and said that at the next meeting of the post action would be taken to make practical the noble work that the writer and The Evening World had undertaken.

Other speakers were Mrs. Marjorie Crumpacker of the recruiting station of the navy and Mrs. Charlotte Furst of the State Women's Relief Fund Company.

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